

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 284

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Cristina Gonzalez, 2009  
Salutatorian of Northeast High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Cristina Gonzalez is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Northeast High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, she has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Cristina has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities and earning several high honors; and

WHEREAS, she has been a member of the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, and the Friends of Exceptional Children; she has served as a tutor, a daycare volunteer, an officer in Interact, and a Student Advisor to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gonzalez has volunteered her time with Ring Bells for the Salvation Army, Bowl for Kids Sake, and the Rotary Bike Ride; she has also been a Stakeholder for the Northeast Middle School Leadership team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Gonzalez has received the United States Honor Student Award, the DARE Award, and the Rotary Youth Leadership International Award; she has earned the Academic Award three times and the Excel Gold Card three times as well. Cristina has also been nominated for Girls State; and

WHEREAS, Cristina's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Brenda and Baldomero Mendez and Jose Gonzalez, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Cristina's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Northeast High School Salutatorian, Cristina Gonzalez, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.